

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/576,686 Confirmation No. 3725  
Applicant : Paul B. Darcy *et al.*  
Filed : May 23, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 3639  
Examiner : Fadey S. Jabr  
Title : METHOD AND STRUCTURE FOR ASSIGNING A  
TRANSACTION COST  
Docket No. : MFCP.70154  
Customer No. : 45809

**Via EFS WEB– October 23, 2006**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Final Office Action mailed 21 August 2006; the three-month shortened statutory period for response expires on 21 November 2006. In response to the Final Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims:** Begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks:** Begin on page 10 of this paper.